

Amendments To Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for defense against an unwanted communication, comprising:

identifying a communication channel to a beneficiary of the unwanted communication by examining a content of the unwanted communication;

striking back against the beneficiary by sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary comprises sending a communication via the communication channel that includes a request that the beneficiary cease further unwanted communications to a recipient of the unwanted communication.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary comprises repeatedly sending the communication in accordance with a set of strike back parameters.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising adjusting a cost imposed on the beneficiary with the communication by adjusting the strike back parameters.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying comprises identifying a money input channel used by the beneficiary to obtain a benefit.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein

identifying comprises calling a phone number contained in the unwanted communication.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying comprises accessing a web site specified in the unwanted communication.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein identifying comprises exploring a web site specified in the unwanted communication to find a web page that is financially important to the beneficiary.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying comprises performing a pattern match on a text of the unwanted communication.

10-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) A defense coordinator that obtains an identify request from a recipient of an unwanted communication and that in response identifies a communication channel to a beneficiary of the unwanted communication by examining a content of the unwanted communication and that performs a strike back against the beneficiary by sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary.

22. (Previously Presented) The defense coordinator of claim 21, wherein the communication includes a request that the beneficiary cease further unwanted communications to the recipient.

23. (Previously Presented) The defense coordinator of claim 21, wherein the communication channel is a money input channel used by the beneficiary to obtain a benefit.

24. (Previously Presented) The defense coordinator of claim 21, wherein the defense coordinator maintains a set of information pertaining to the beneficiary and determines a set of strike back parameters in response to the information and repeatedly performs the strike back in accordance with the strike back parameters.

25. (Previously Presented) The defense coordinator of claim 24, wherein the defense coordinator generates a web page that enables the beneficiary to stop the strike back.

26. (Currently Amended) A distributed strike back system, comprising:

recipient system of an unwanted communication;

defense coordinator that obtains an identify request from the recipient system and that in response determines a set of strike back parameters that identify a communication channel to a beneficiary of the unwanted communication by examining a content of the unwanted communication and that sends the strike back parameters to the recipient system such that the recipient system performs a strike back against the beneficiary by sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary.

27. (Previously Presented) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the communication includes a request that the beneficiary cease further unwanted communications to the

recipient system.

28. (Previously Presented) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the communication channel is a money input channel used by the beneficiary to obtain a benefit.

29. (Previously Presented) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the defense coordinator maintains a set of information pertaining to the beneficiary and determines the strike back parameters in response to the information such that the strike back parameters specify an intensity of the strike back against the beneficiary.

30. (Previously Presented) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the defense coordinator generates a web page that enables the beneficiary to stop the strike back.

31. (Previously Presented) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein defense coordinator identifies the communication channel by performing a pattern match on a text of the unwanted communication.